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PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS REGULATORY BOARD
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board under the new policy of setting up Natural Gas Pipeline and Urban Natural Gas Distribution Network ;

(b) if so, the details of new policy and composition of Regulatory Board ;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to spread the network of gas pipeline to cities ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (d) : No, Sir. Action for setting up the Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) is under progress and it is expected to be constituted shortly.

The `Policy for Development of Natural Gas Pipelines and City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Networks` has been notified so as to promote investment from public as well as private sector. The broad objectives of the policy are :-

(i) To facilitate open access for all players to the pipeline network on a non-discriminatory basis.

(i) To promote competition among entities thereby avoiding any abuse of the dominant position by any entity.

(iii) To secure the consumer interest in terms of gas availability and reasonable tariff.